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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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the specification of which:

- ☐ is attached hereto; or
- ☒ was filed as United States Application No. 10/817,521 on 5 April 2004 and was amended on _____ (if applicable); or
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS

U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NO.	U.S. FILING DATE
60/460,510	4 April 2003
60/547,829	26 February 2004
60/548,813	27 February 2004

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) or §365(c) of any PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to the patentability of claims presented in this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the registered practitioners of Siemens Corporation associated with Customer Number 028524 and the registered practitioners of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP associated with Customer Number 009629 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

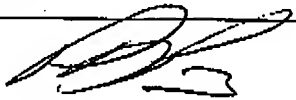
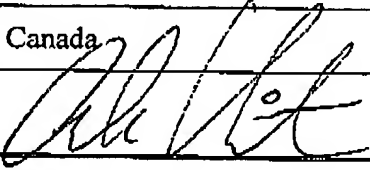
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